

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Applicant: Richard BROWN et al.  
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CERTIFICATES  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, Applicants respectfully request that the following amendment be entered into the application:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.121, please substitute for original claim 20 the following rewritten version of the same claim, as amended. The change is shown explicitly in the attached "Version with Markings to Show Changes Made."

20. (Amended) A method of communication, which method comprises the steps of communicating from a sender to a recipient a digital certificate according to claim 1.

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**REMARKS**

Applicants respectfully request that the foregoing amendment to Claim 20 be made prior to examination of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,



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